

HARDING DELIVERS ADDRESS AT POHICK

Talks on 'Service' at Dedication of Tablet to War Heroes

LARGELY ATTENDED

President Introduced by Representative Moore Who Makes Speech—Sermon by Rev. E. W. Wellchampe

President Warren G. Harding yesterday morning delivered the dedication address at the dedication of a bronze tablet in historic Pohick Church, and he took as his topic, "Service." The President declared that one of the greatest services in life is to determine just what is right. The tablet he said is not for the men whose names are inscribed thereon, but is for service, adding, "I am rather inclined to believe you have given expression to a sentiment that is universal throughout the country."

In opening his remarks, President Harding said: "I don't know that I am more susceptible to emotions than others, but I cannot escape a strange feeling that I have sat in a pew occupied by the revered Father of our country. The chief executive exhorted the parishioners to continue the firm foundation given them by the founders of the republic."

The President illustrated service by telling a story of passing down the river on the Mayflower and when passing Mount Vernon of how the men stood at attention and saluted and the band struck up the "Star Spangled Banner." It is his declaration is the greatest thing in life.

President Harding said, I come from Ohio, and passing over the struggle between the north and south, he declared there is no longer any suggestion of conflict since we unsheathed the sword in Cuba for civilization and humanity. We are all 100 per cent American from this time said President Harding.

Referring to the children, the President said: "I cannot look these children in the face without thinking which is the son of a capitalist, and which the son of a workman. You are all sons and daughters of America and no line of class divides you. I wonder which of you may be presidents and heads of state departments."

America, he asserted, is to preserve the rights in that service rendered not only to God, but to the world, and he urged all to go forth resolved to preserve the constitution of the United States.

Immediately after his address, President Harding and wife reviewed the school children as they marched through the church, it being through the efforts of the children that the memorial tablet was erected. Afterward the President and Mrs. Harding stood beside the Washington pew and gave a hearty handshake to every little child present. It was a great sight and the little ones appeared greatly impressed with the honor of shaking the hand of the chief executive following the school children, President and Mrs. Harding held a reception in the church for all others and many who were unable to gain admission to the church service came forward and shook his hand.

The tablet is erected on the north wall of the church beside the pulpit and is a neat bronze affair. It contains the names of six young men of that section of Fairfax who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war.

Their names follow: Lieut. Arthur Elmore, Corporal John Russell Mitchell, Clarence Dawson, William Isaac Dearford, J. Percy Jennings Dove, Raymond Rogers.

As President Harding shook the hands of the little ones as they moved rapidly past, he cradled in his arm little Rosa Lee Dove, three years old daughter of the late Percy Jennings Dove, one of the men whose names are inscribed on the tablet, and Jesse her.

The tablet was draped with a handsome silk flag placed in the church by Mrs. Lewis Hurtle, of Gunston Hall, as a memorial to her mother.

Selections were given by the band from Camp Humphreys, the band being outside of the church, and music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Edward Gibson.

Representative R. Walton Moore introduced President Harding.

Mr. Moore referring to the young men whose names are on the tablet, said they entered a great achievement which they had never dreamed of. Continuing Mr. Moore said: "Their experience we do not know. All we know is that they dared, suffered and died—they died for their country, civilization and us. We pity the necessity of the costly sacrifice that involved them. If there is any nobler duty, it is for each to do all in his power to save the world in the future from such a tragedy."

Continuing Mr. Moore said, that it is fitting that the tablet should be placed in this church with which all are so familiar. The old church he said has fine historic memories. It will, he declared, never be forgotten, that the successor of Washington came here to take part in the exercises.

Prior to the dedication service, Rev. E. W. Mellichampe, rector of the church, preached an able sermon which was listened to with close attention by the big congregation that filled the church. His topic was, "Waring for Right."

President Harding and party which included Mrs. Harding, Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer and George B. Christian, Jr., President Harding's secretary, arrived at the church in time for the regular service which began at 11 o'clock. When he arrived the church was filled. They were immediately escorted to the pew occupied by Washington in front of the church and Representative Moore and party occupied the adjoining pew.

Long before the dedication crowds stood outside unable to gain admittance, among them being many Alexandrians. It is estimated that 500 persons were in the church and fully 1,000 to gain admittance.

Shortly before 1 o'clock President Harding and party left the church and they posed for the movie man and were immediately driven back to Washington.

A committee composed of Walter Moore, Albert May and E. L. Maney, from Russell Mitchell Post Veterans of Foreign War, were guests of honor at the service. The local post is named after Russell Mitchell, one of the members whose name is inscribed on the tablet.

HELD FOR SHOOTING

Joseph Jenkins, colored, who several days ago shot Samuel Littlejohn, was arraigned in the police court today and held for the action of the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$500. Jenkins claimed the shooting was accidental.

MARRIED

FINCH-KING—On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Mary's parsonage, by Rev. L. F. Kelly, MISS LELIA FINCH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Finch, and MR. GEORGE RAYMOND KING. 128-1p

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Fifty-four girls attended the sewing class of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon. The girls have now been taking the sewing lessons as the guest of the Auxiliary eleven weeks, and some wonderful progress has been made in the work.

Mrs. Grace Bernard, of the National School of Domestic Science and Art, of Washington, is the supervising instructor and she has announced that she will probably continue the work of the advanced class throughout the summer. The class has made such progress that the Auxiliary would regret to have it discontinue its work during the vacation.

Mrs. Harry B. Caton, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, has offered a Junior Chautauqua ticket to the girl making the greatest progress during the next month in the various classes. The series of lesson will be discontinued for the summer in time for the Chautauqua which begins July 11.

The gymnasium classes will be held at the Young People's Building this evening, for boys at 7 o'clock, and for ladies at 8 o'clock. This will be the ninth lesson in the series and two more lessons will conclude the work for the summer.

PAY TRIBUTE TO HONORED DEAD

Many Visit Cities of the Dead and Strew Flowers

THREATENING SKIES

Exercises at National Cemetery at 4 P. M.—Many go to Services at Arlington Cemetery.

Lowering skies which threatened almost any minute to weep, kept many persons in the city today who had planned to spend the day out of the city. Despite this, however, large throngs visited the cities of the dead where flowers were thrown on the graves of the loved ones. The day was probably more generally observed than heretofore and practically all business was stopped as a tribute of love and affection to the brave who have answered the last roll call.

Crosses made of evergreens today were placed on the graves of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war who are buried here in the cemeteries and near the city. The crosses were made by the women of the American Legion of this city.

Many from here this afternoon attended the exercises at Arlington National cemetery.

A large throng it is expected will attend the exercises at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the National cemetery this city, when an address will be delivered by W. E. Andrews of Nebraska. Invocation will be given by Rev. D. E. B. Jackson, and benediction by Rev. O. P. Lloyd. The remainder of the program heretofore published in The Gazette will be carried out. The graves of the soldiers in this cemetery were decorated with small flags and will be strewn with flowers at the conclusion of the exercises.

Hundreds of persons today visited Mount Vernon. There were many visitors here and many motor parties passed through the city. Hundreds of Alexandrians left yesterday and some early today and are spending the day at nearby resorts.

PROHIBITION CASES

Two Merchants Arraigned And Held For Grand Jury

Antonia Lemeskensky, who conducts a store on King street, arrested by policemen Magne and Durrer, in the police court today was held for the action of the grand jury for an alleged violation of the state prohibition law. The officers testified that on Saturday night they visited his place of business and recovered eleven gallons of wine and six quarts of whisky. The accused furnished a bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before the next grand jury.

Thomas Baggett, who conducts a place of business in the southeastern part of the city, also was held for the action of the grand jury for an alleged violation of the State prohibition law.

The arrest was made by Sergeant Campbell and Policemen Durrer, Magner and Nowland. The officers testified that they found two quart bottles, one of which was partially filled with what they think is whisky, and that they also took charge of a barrel of cider and five bottles of peach extract. Baggett furnished \$500 bond.

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON

A pretty marriage was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse, 1200 K street, northwest, Washington, D. C., when Miss Julie F. Bonderaux, of Peoria, Ill., became the bride of Mr. Frank J. Corsa, of Alexandria.

The bride was attired in a gown of white net and carried cream roses. She was attended by Miss Helen Day, of Washington, who wore a lovely gown of gray satin and blue organdy gray hat and shoes, and carried red roses.

The groom was attended by Mr. Claud Hunt, of this city. Some of the guests were Mrs. J. E. Corsa, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Corsa, of this city, and Mrs. Day and Mrs. Wesley Day, of Washington.

After a bridal trip to Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. Corsa will be at home to their friends in Washington, D. C.

AIRPLANE ACCIDENT COSTS SEVEN LIVES

Giant Curtis-Eagle Army Airplane Crashes to Earth

INVESTIGATION SOON

Bodies Lie in Field All Night—Struck Storm Near Potomac Rescue Party Sent Out

Washington, May 30.—An official investigation has been ordered by the Army Air Service of the accident late yesterday near Indian Head, Md., which resulted in the death of the pilot and six passengers of the giant Curtis-Eagle army ambulance airplane. The craft was hurled to the ground and wrecked when it ran into a terrific wind and electrical storm as it was returning from Langley Field, near Newport News, Va., where it had gone to attend the aerial review.

The toll of the accident is: Former Representative Maurice Connolly, of Iowa, now sales manager of the Curtiss Airplane Company and a major in the Army Reserve Corps.

A. G. Batchelder, chairman of the executive committee of the American Automobile Association.

Lieut. Stanley M. Ames, of Washington, pilot of the plane.

Lieut. Col. Archie Miller, Washington.

Lieut. Cleveland W. McDermott, Langley Field, Va.

Lieut. John M. Pennywell, Langley Field, Va.

Sergeant-Mechanic Richard Blumentanz, Washington.

The craft had just crossed the Potomac river when about 6 o'clock it ran into a storm near Morgantown, Md., a village a short distance from Indian Head. A few minutes later, while it was flying so low as to be plainly visible, it suddenly collapsed, and almost instantly it began the swift descent which brought death to all its passengers.

The ship struck the ground nose first and the force of the impact was so great that the big 400-horsepower Liberty motor in the front end of the craft was torn from its chassis and thrown back into the cockpit on top of the pilot and the passengers. All of the bodies were badly mutilated.

Army Air Service officers said the accident was the worst in the history of aviation in the United States, either military or civil, and that it was one of the few in which all of the passengers in a falling plane had been killed almost instantly.

Details of the disaster did not reach Indian Head until hours later, but during the night a report of the trouble came to Bolling Field, from which the party started. Efforts were made to ascertain whether the report was correct, and early this morning a party, under Lieuts. Paul C. Wilkins and Leroy Wolf, left Bolling Field in motor trucks to go to the rescue. In the meantime, word had reached Indian Head, and the Dolphin, lying near the Navy Proving Grounds, started for Morgantown.

The party from Bolling Field reached Morgantown about 5 o'clock this morning. The bodies of the dead men were still in the field where the airplane crashed down to earth. They had lain there all night. All appeared to have been dead several hours, and it is believed that most, if not all of them, died almost instantly. The Bolling Field rescue party put the bodies in the trucks and brought them to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, where arrangements had been made previously to receive them.

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Christian Healing

Rev. Percy F. Hall of St. Paul's, Explains Underlying Principles

Yesterday morning Rev. Percy Foster Hall, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, began his work of Christian Healing by a sermon, explaining its underlying principles. A meeting will be held in Norton Memorial Hall on Tuesday night to enlist the aid of intercessors and others and to arrange for a service of prayer and healing in the near future. Yesterday morning Mr. Hall said in part:

Christian healing was brought to the notice of the church by James Moore Hickson about one year ago, depends simply upon a vital faith in God as revealed in His Son Jesus Christ. God is real, all-loving, all-powerful, all present. Among His laws is the law of prayer. Prayer is a deep mystery. In it we do not seek to change God's will, but to co-operate with God's will. It is His will that men shall be holy, clean, and kind. And yet men sin. It is His will that men shall be healthy, and yet people are sick. Sin is not His will for us, nor is sickness. God permits sickness. He does not will it because He does not will sickness we are to fight it by every means, by doctors, surgeons, medicine, sanitation, and proper self-controlled way of living and by prayer. God will not do for us, for our bodies, our minds, or our souls, what we ought to do for ourselves. We are warned that there are dangers in this under taking. It is true. There are dangers everywhere. The danger is great even in coming to the Holy Communion if one comes ignorantly and carelessly. Christian Healing should have the support of our wisest and sanest people, in order that dangers made be met wisely. One can not be deterred by danger. Duty not danger is our watchword. "Safety First," is a good motto for men working amid dangerous machinery, or for automobilists; it is a poor maxim for a soldier, a fireman, a Christian minister, or a Christian man or woman. In all humility and yet with a good courage, and with ardent faith and gratitude, this work must be undertaken, and we ask for the prayers and sympathy of all Christian people.

M. P. CHURCH

There was a goodly attendance both Sunday morning and evening in the Methodist Protestant Church. Both sermons were of great interest.

Both the senior and junior choir again did themselves credit as they do each Sunday, at the evening service Mr. Milard Padgett sweetly sang "The Home of the Soul" which was highly appreciated by all present.

The pastor wishes to announce that any child who can sing and would like to join the Junior Choir will be welcomed and doing this church a great service. He also again calls attention to the mid week prayer service and wishes as many to attend as can do so.

LEESBURG NURSE HEADS VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Lawville, Va., May 30.—The Virginia Graduate Nurses' convention which was in session here last week, has adjourned with the re-election of Miss Anne Guiley, of Leesburg, president, and Miss Rose Van-vort, of the State Association of Nursing Education. Next year's sessions will be held in Bristol.

Former Resident Dies

S. S. Hopkins Dies at University Hospital, Charlottesville, Va.

Solomon S. Hopkins, forty-nine years old, a former resident of this city, died Saturday night at the University Hospital, Charlottesville, Va., after a comparatively short illness. The deceased was a jeweler by trade and for many years conducted a store in this city on the north side of King between Washington and St. Asaph streets. Mr. Hopkins left Alexandria about fifteen years ago and since that time had made his home in Waynesboro, Va., where he was engaged in the jewelry business. The deceased is survived by a brother George D. Hopkins and a sister Mrs. William A. Moore, Jr., of this city.

His funeral will be held tomorrow at Waynesboro at which place the interment will be made.

Mrs. T. A. Moore Dies

Her Death Follows Two Weeks' Illness

Mrs. Laura G. Moore, sixty-six years old, wife of Thomas Alton Moore, died at 1:20 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, 419 South Lee Street. Her death followed a two weeks' illness. The deceased besides her husband is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lee Watkins, Miss Lena Moore, William E., Akton, Archie and Francis D. Moore. The deceased was a well known resident of the First ward.

Her funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Sister Bertha Dies

Was Teacher in Commercial Department of St. Mary's Academy

Sister Bertha, teacher in the commercial department of St. Mary's Academy, died at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at Georgetown University Hospital. The deceased had been in failing health for a long time.

Sister Bertha came to Alexandria about six years ago succeeding Sister Coronata and since taking up her work at St. Mary's had endeavored herself to her pupils and all others with whom she came in contact and won for herself many friends both here and in Washington.

The deceased was a native of Monson, Massachusetts and her name was Miss Ellen Cunningham.

The body was brought here last night and taken to St. Mary's Academy and is lying in state in the convent chapel where the school children are acting as guard of honor. Her funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from St. Mary's Church where high mass will be celebrated. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Lightning Causes Fire

Damage Amounting to \$750 at Smoot's Yard Yesterday

Damage estimated at about \$750, was done to the east end of the lumber shed at the plant of W. A. Smoot and Company, incorporated, shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when lightning struck the shed setting fire to the place.

The fire struck the roof of the shed and split a big Georgia pine stringer splitting it in two.

On the first floor of the shed nails were stored and paints and oils were on the second floor. The firemen prevented the fire from spreading to the lumber adjoining, the remainder of the shed being nearly 200 feet in length and filled with dressed lumber. After half an hour's work the fire was subdued.

POLICE ON TRAIL OF WEBER SUSPECT

Hyattsville, Md., May 30.—That the mysterious slaying of Mrs. John Weber will be cleared up during the next 48 hours is the belief of Detective Sergeant Thomas Walsh of the Washington police department, who in conference with J. Wilson Ryan, state attorney of Maryland, at Riverdale, is working out a theory that the crime was committed by a former lover of Mrs. Weber.

The position of the body when found several hours after the crime and the surrounding evidence obtained has led the officers to follow this clue.

A reward of \$1,000 was offered by Prince Georges county for information leading to the arrest of the slayer. The hollow-cheeked man, who was seen lurking in the woods at Seat Pleasant, Md., about three miles from the scene, several hours after the crime, and "North Carolina Joe" are the suspects given on the lookout issued by local authorities.

Attention American Legion!

At the regular monthly meeting of the American Legion to be held Friday evening, June 3rd, at the chamber of commerce, at 8:15, there will be an unusual feature of entertainment to which the public is cordially invited. Motion pictures of two crack divisions in action on the front in France will be shown. These pictures were taken by the U. S. Signal Corps and are official war department records of the fighting.

BRITISH READY TO SWEEP POLES

Six Battalions Will Move Into Territory Held by Insurgents

FOR GROSS STRELITZ

German Forces Now Number 20,000—German Offensive Halted—To be Assisted by Italian And French

Oppeln, Upper Silesia, May 30.—The six battalions of British troops which have been waiting in Oppeln for the last two days are now ready to begin the task of restoring order in the territory held by the Polish insurgents.

General La Rond, the French commander in the plebiscite area wishes to split the force into a number of patrols for service in various parts of the troubled district, but the British insist on remaining as a unit under British command.

The points of penetration into the insurgent territory, Kreuzberg and Gross Strelitz, are under the control of British officers. Presumably, therefore, the newly arrived troops will advance to Gross Strelitz, which is surrounded by insurgents, then continue by train or motor truck to Beuthen and establish martial law as they go. The probable plan will be to move one battalion forward at a time to take possession of the territory control of which will be consolidated by those that follow.

There are in the neighborhood of Kreuzberg about 7,000 of the German Selbstschutz, most of them wearing the old field gray of their war days. Those who have no uniforms have been provided with civilian clothes of the same color which gives the irregulars a soldierly appearance. The training they are getting under General Haefer's instructions is rapidly shaping them into an effective small army.

These German forces now number 20,000 men, distributed at various parts of Upper Silesia.

Oppeln, Silesia, May 30.—Major Von Moltke, commander of the German volunteer forces in Upper Silesia, has issued instructions that there be no offensive against the Polish insurgents pending the arrival and disposition of several battalions of the Black Watch and probable additional English troops, who, it is said here, will sweep Silesia clear of rebellious Poles, from Rosenberg to Kattowitz.

Present plans contemplate that the English will take the field assisted by Italian and French troops, which will garrison the towns, but will not participate in the fighting in the event the Poles offer resistance.

The first detachments of the Black Watch are expected tomorrow. They will be followed by others. Then will come a British officer of rank at least equal to that of the French General Leland, now in command. The British officer will direct the British operations.

Attempted Hold Up

Robert Bender Reports Affair And Causes Arrest of Colored Man

Robert Bender, driver for a Washington bread company, reports that Saturday afternoon while going over the road to Washington at about 1:20 o'clock, a colored man acted in a suspicious manner to him indicating that he intended holding him up. Bender caused the arrest of a young colored man of this city whom he alleges is the man.

The court after hearing the case decided to hold the young man for the authorities of Arlington county. He gave the name of Ross Tyler and asserted that he could prove an alibi, denying emphatically that he was in Arlington county Saturday.

DIED

MOORE—On Sunday, May 29, 1921, at 1:20 a. m., at her residence, 419 South Lee street, LAURA G., beloved wife of Thomas Alton Moore. Funeral Tuesday, May 31, at 10 a. m., from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Relatives and friends invited to attend. 128-1c